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Art Unit	1733
Examiner Name	Jessica Rossi
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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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TC 1700Serial No.: 09/555,548Filing Date: August 1, 2000Examiner: Jessica RossiGroup Art Unit: 1733Invention: "Device and a Method for Affixing Objects to Products"

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application has been averred.
☒ Request for Continued Examination.
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